

## REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 12-13, 15-16, and 20-23 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 4, 25, 28, 31, and 34 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph set forth in the Office Action. The Examiner also is thanked for the indication that claims 2, 8, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph set forth in the Office Action and to include all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9 and 17 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action and that claims 11 and 19 are allowable pending the resolution of the objections to claims 9 and 17. The Examiner also is thanked for the indication that claims 3, 5, 7-8, 26-27, 29-30, 32-33, and 35-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-23, and 25-30, and 34-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17, 20, 25, 28, and 34 are independent. Claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, 12, 16-18, 22, 25, 28, and 38 have been amended and claims 31-33 have been canceled. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

### Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 25, 28, 31, and 34 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 25, 28, 31, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter that was not described in the Specification in such a way as to enable a person of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the invention. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 25, 28, and 34 to accommodate the Examiner and have canceled claim 31 rendering the rejection of it moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the objection to claims 1, 4, 25, 28, 31, and 34.

### Rejection of Claims 1-2, 10, and 18 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 10, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112,

second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 10, and 18 to accommodate the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the objection to claims 1-2, 10, and 18.

Objection to Claims 9, 16-17, 22, 25, 28, and 31

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 9, 16-17, 22, 25, 28, and 31 citing informalities. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 9, 16-17, 22, 25, and 28 to accommodate the Examiner and have canceled claim 31 rendering the objection to it moot.. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the objection to claims 9, 16-17, 22, 25, 28, and 31.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot, and that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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